IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Immunological Assay System and Method)

THIRD RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION (WITH AMENDMENTS) SUBMISSION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.114(c)

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

For:

The outstanding final Office Action mailed *July 27, 2004* (Paper No. 20040723) and the Advisory Action faxed on *January 10, 2005* (Paper No. 20050105) have been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 1, 11, and 25 are amended. Claims 1-9, 11, and 12-28 are now pending in the present application and claims 12-24 remain withdrawn. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.